

**City of Los Angeles
WATERSHED PROTECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT**

**CASE # 26034
HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEAN UP REPORT**

2714 MEDIA CENTER DRIVE, LOS ANGELES CA, 90065

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SYNOPSIS

March 22, 2016 - clean-up of a homeless encampment authorized at 700 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029. A health hazard assessment was performed and biological, hazardous and solid waste was located, collected and hauled to legal disposal.



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION
COMPLAINT INSPECTION REPORT**



DATE: March 22, 2015

CASE ID NUMBER(S): 26034

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 13

AUTHORIZATION NUMBERS: 2016-00310, 2016-00330, and 2016-00331

INCIDENT LOCATION: 700 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029

LEAD INSPECTOR: SMITH, MILLER

SUBJ: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP

OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- WPD – security, incident command, health hazard inspection and assessments, collect and transport personal property according to protocol,
- Solids – collect solid waste/trash in the trash truck to transport and dispose all solid waste,
- Clean Harbors – spray disinfectant, collect – transport – dispose of all hazardous waste collected.
- LAPD – provide security for operational teams

An operations and health & safety meeting was performed by WPD with all of agencies and staff present for the cleanup. It was clearly made to all present that any and all potential personal property was to be put aside for health hazard assessment by WPD. Major safety concerns included hazardous waste, sharps/biohazards, vectors and proper use of any and all personal protective equipment (PPE).

REPORT

At approximately 1030 hours on March 22, 2016, Watershed Protection Division (WPD) Officers Smith and Miller arrived at the incident location; 700 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Two (2) homeless encampments were encountered; trash and debris were found in the impacted area. LAPD assisted with the temporary relocation of the homeless occupants from the cleanup area. CD 13 representative and LAPD requested WPD Officers to process a homeless encampment where the occupant was arrested for felony drug possession charges. Various trash and debris were located and disposed of accordingly. Agencies on scene were Sanitation Solids and Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

▪ **~Location 1. Arrestee.**

- Soiled blankets
- Soiled clothing
- Bicycle parts
- Electronic waste

[3]
[~50]
[~50]

- Urine container [1]
- Waste oil [1]
- Air pistol (confiscated by LAPD) [1]
- Cell phone [1]
- Watch [1]
- \$20 bill [1]
- Portable generator [1]
- iPad [1]
- Complete bicycles [7]
- Fuel waste
- Drug paraphernalia [6]
- Sharps [7]
- Flammable liquid [3]
- Aerosols [2]
- Misc. trash/debris
- **Storage**
 - **Bag 1 of 1**
 - Cell phone [1]
 - Watch [1]
 - \$20 bill [1]
 - Portable generator [1]
 - iPad [1]

Two bags of personal items were bagged, labeled, and transported for temporary storage by LAPD. All other articles from location #1 were determined as bulky, contaminated, and/or broken and were disposed of accordingly.

- **~Location 2. Green tent.**
 - Urine soaked clothing [~50]
 - Bulky items [3]
 - Bedbugs
 - Sharps [~100]
 - Flammable liquid [4]
 - Waste batteries [1]
 - Misc. trash/debris

All articles from location #2 were determined as bulky, contaminated, and/or broken and were disposed of accordingly.

MITIGATION/CLEANUP

Clean-up operations began at approximately 1030 hours and completed at 1200 hours. Clean Harbors and Sanitation solids personnel cleaned the area of misc. bulky items, trash and debris. Contaminated items were packed up for proper transport and disposal by Clean Harbors Environmental Services under uniform hazardous waste manifest **#009498879FLE**, and **#009494666FLE**. Approximately 0.5 tons of trash and debris was removed by Sanitation Solids.

EVIDENCE/SAMPLES

WPD Officer Smith obtained twenty seven (27) photographs of the incident during the mitigation/clean up of the site. See figures below for representation of the incident site.

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Report by Smith

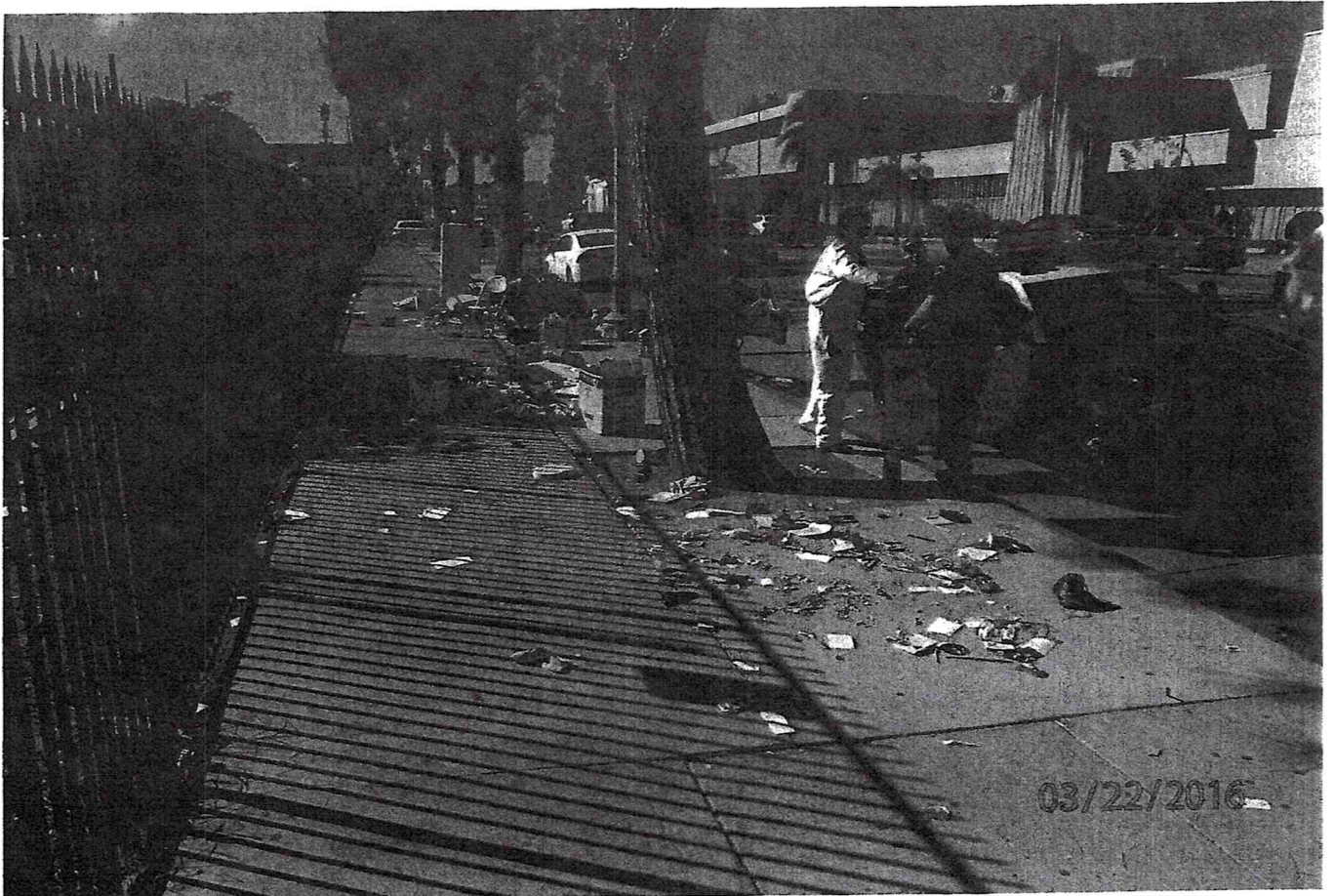


Figure 1a.
700 Vermont Avenue. Before photo.
[Photograph by Smith 3/22/16]

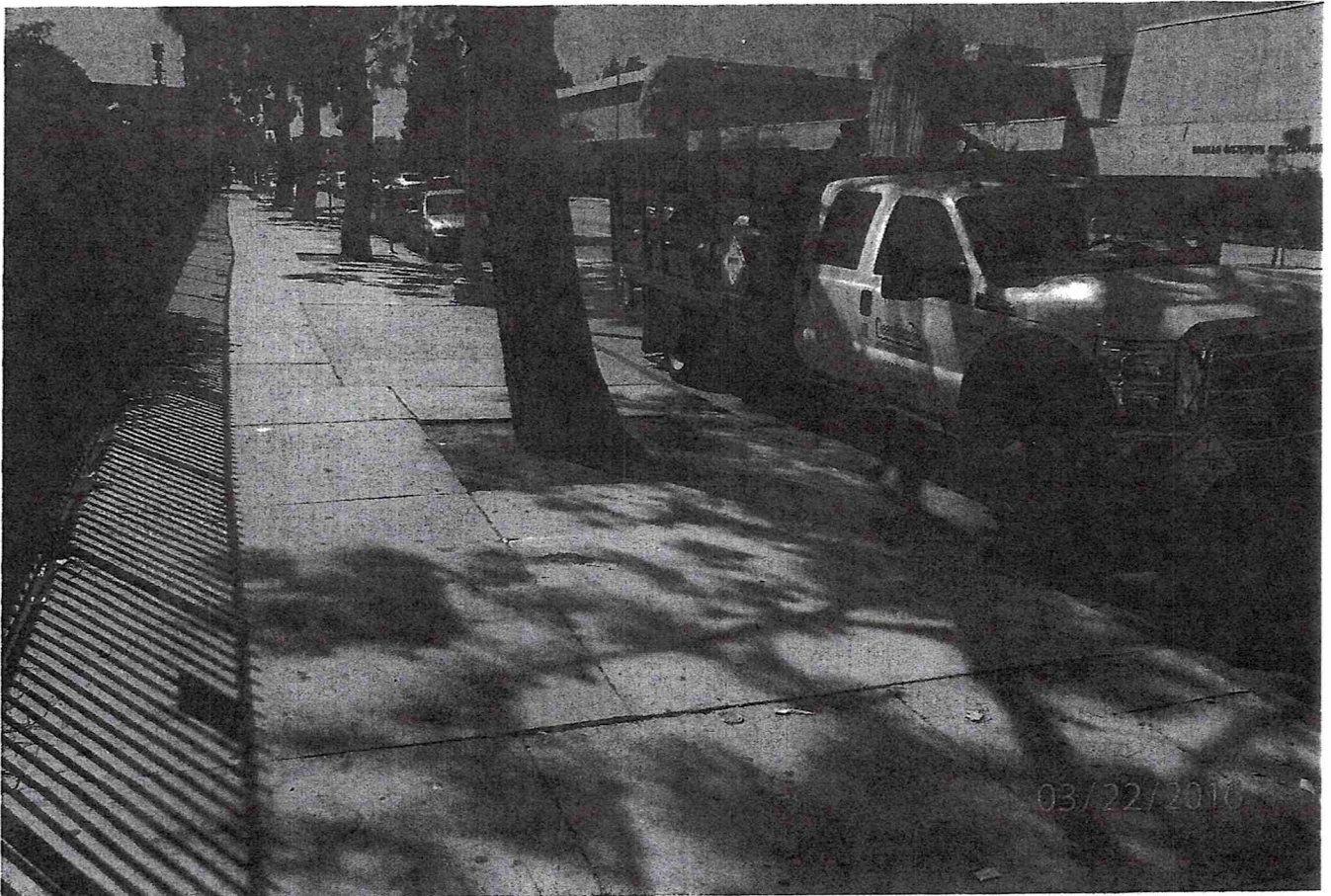


Figure 1b. After photo.
[Photo taken by Smith 3/22/16]



Figure 2a:
700 Vermont Avenue. Before photo. Location 1
[Photograph by Smith 3/22/16]



Figure 2b. After photo. Location 2.
[Photo taken by Smith 3/22/16]

FOLLOWUP REQUIRED: YES___ NO__X__

OFFICERS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

LIEUTENANT INITIAL: _____ DATE: _____

